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To Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties:

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A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Notice of the Public Scoping Meeting for the above-referenced project, described below, has been issued by the San Francisco Planning Department. The NOP and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is either attached or is available upon request from Erik Olafsson, whom you may reach at (415) 558-5973, voice; (415) 558-5991, fax; Erik.Olafsson@sfgov.org, email; or by mail at 1660 Mission Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. The combined NOP/Notice of Public Scoping Meeting will also be available online at http://www.sfgov.org/planning/mea and www.sfwater.org (click Water at the left of the screen, click Peninsula Region, click Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements.).

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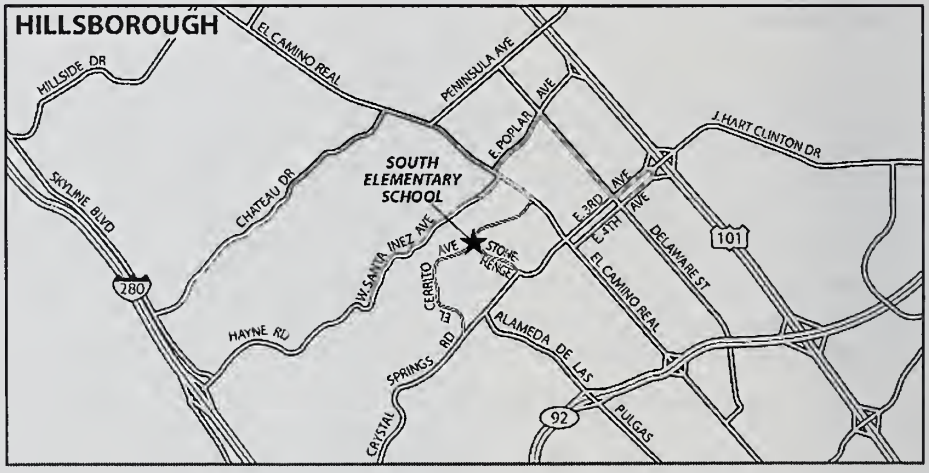
The San Francisco Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis Division (MEA) is preparing an EIR for consideration by decision-makers prior to a final decision by the SFPUC regarding whether to approve and implement the Proposed Project. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potentially significant adverse environmental effects of the Proposed Project, to identify possible ways to minimize those potentially significant adverse effects, and to describe and evaluate feasible alternatives to the Proposed Project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or to disapprove the Proposed Project. However, prior to making any such decision, the decision makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

The San Francisco Planning Department will hold one **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** at the location, date, and time listed below. The purpose of this meeting is to receive oral comments to assist the San Francisco Planning Department in reviewing the scope and focus of the Proposed Project's environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR. Written comments will also be accepted at this meeting and until the close of business on February 1, 2007. Written comments should be sent to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attn: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements Project EIR, 1660 Mission Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414, or provided via email to Erik.Olafsson@sfgov.org, or by fax to (415) 558-5991.

Information on how to use public transportation to get to the scoping meeting can be found at: www.transitinfo.org/tripplanner.

Scoping Meeting

January 18, 2007
6:30 p.m. ***Starting promptly***
South Hillsborough
Elementary School
303 El Cerrito Avenue
Hillsborough, California



If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the Proposed Project under CEQA, please contact Erik Olafsson at (415) 558-5973.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Date of this Notice:	January 2, 2007	
Lead Agency:	San Francisco Planning Department 1660 Mission Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414	
Agency Contact Person:	Erik Olafsson	**Telephone:** (415) 558-5973
E-mail:	Erik.Olafsson@sfgov.org	**Facsimile:** (415) 558-5991
Project Title:	Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements Project	
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission 1145 Market Street, Suite 501, San Francisco, CA 94103	
Contact Person:	Anna Roche	**Telephone:** (415) 551-4560
E-mail:	aroche@sfwater.org	**Facsimile:** (415) 934-5750
Project Location:	San Mateo County, SFPUC right-of-way just south of the intersection of Crystal Springs Road and Skyline Boulevard near Hillsborough	
Assessor's Block and Lot:	Various	
County:	San Mateo	

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THIS PROJECT MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS REQUIRED. This determination is based on the criteria given in the following sections of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources: 15063 (Initial Study), 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), and 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance).

A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING will be held, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15201, to receive oral comments concerning the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The San Francisco Planning Department will hold a public scoping meeting at the following location, date, and time:

South Hillsborough Elementary School – January 18, 2007, 6:30 starting promptly
303 El Cerrito Avenue
Hillsborough, California

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Documents relating to the Proposed Project are available for review, by appointment only, at the San Francisco Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis office at 30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 4150. Please call (415) 558-5973. Documents are also available online at:

http://www.sfgov.org/planning/mea

(click on Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements Project EIR).

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Date

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department

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